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2/ Estimated soil moisture as % of field capacity based on climate data.

## AGRICULTURE

Days suitable for field work were 3.6. Wet soils are impeding soil preparation. There was little precipitation and temperatures were below normal in most parts of the state. Top soil moisture was rated 47% adequate and 53% surplus. Winter wheat and barley were rated mostly in fair condition, but some fields were being abandoned due to poor germination. There was some top dressing, limestone application, and weed control being done in small grains. Hay fields were in fair to good condition. Vegetable producers were planting spinach, endive, escarole, cabbage, sweet corn, lettuce, and peas. Peppers and tomatoes were in greenhouses. Strawberries started blooming. Blueberries had green tissue beginning to show. Orchard operators were pruning and doing maintenance work. Fruit development was behind schedule, and there was little green tip showing on apples. Pastures were muddy, and soil was cool. Christmas tree planting was underway.

### SOIL MOISTURE TABLE

	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	PREVIOUS YEAR
VERY SHORT	0%	0%	0%
SHORT	0%	0%	0%
ADEQUATE	47%	66%	100%
SURPLUS	53%	34%	0%